



Hanford EPA/Ecology Program Manager Call

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All: I spoke to Ron Skinnarland a short while ago, and he indicated that Ecology had dropped the ball and not gotten the 2:00 call scheduled for tomorrow on Ecology's internal calendar. As a result, Jane and others are not available. I note that Matt had indeed successfully completed the scheduling, and Ecology admitted its culpability.

There is already a series of meetings on EPA calendars, with the next on June 23. Matt and Sharon, can you work with Lois Dahman of Ecology (ldah461@ecy.wa.gov, (509) 372-7893) to verify that Ecology gets these meeting on their calendars. I'd also like to see if we can re-schedule tomorrow's call sometime in the next week or two - if not, we can just skip and wait for the June 23 meeting.

Below is the substantive content of an e-mail I shared with Ron reflecting EPA questions I had hoped to discuss during the now-cancelled call tomorrow. Ron and I will continue to work on these issues in the meantime. That said, I feel that these issues are appropriate for management level consideration, consistent with the re-affirmed working model we discussed during last month's Rick/Jane call.

Ron: We have a Rick/Jane call Wednesday, so I wanted to touch base with you on the meeting, and a couple of other issues. I'll be discussing Items 1 and 2 with Rick in preparation for the call.

1) As you recall, we had a discussion concerning the regulatory pathway for the two mixed waste trenches, Trench 31 and 34, in early April. Following that discussion, Deb Singleton sent the meeting participants an e-mail on 4/9/2010 stating "...the language regarding groundwater monitoring is not in agreement with the path that Dib has expressed. Further communication with the HG staff will be necessary before moving forward with the approach outlined in your attachment. " Subsequent to Deb's e-mail, I have received no input on whether or not any communications with the HG staff have occurred, or even whether the regulatory pathway issue is settled or open, or what specific questions need to be discussed.

2) During last week's permit status call (the Wednesday, 10:00 call) I inquired as to whether or not Ecology was intending to establish permit requirements for NRDWL/SWL closure based on the current "workshop draft" closure plan and the groundwater monitoring plan discussed last week. Ecology participants on the call were unable to provide an answer. I'm also uncertain what resolution Ecology has elected to make with respect to EPA's January 21, 2010 comments to Ecology on NRDWL/SWL closure issues.

3) I have a relatively small amount of contract funding available for hydro-geology support for Hanford, but I must commit the funding pretty quickly. My preference is to use it for EPA review of Trench 31/34 groundwater monitoring, but I have no idea what the status of Ecology review of that plan is, or when Ecology may be prepared to share a draft permit addendum. My alternative is to use the funding for hydro-geologist review of the current draft of the NRDWL/SWL groundwater monitoring plan.

4) I'm still working on getting EPA hydro-geology comments to you on the draft LERF groundwater

monitoring plan - I hope to have something written to you in the next week or so. I would like to share with you a few thoughts I've had during the past few days on how best to proceed, consistent with our previous commitment to limit future review of LERF GW issues to sharing the EPA hydro-geologist review.